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SUBJECT: MANAGUA SITREP 2: HURRICANE FELIX AFTERMATH,
INITIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

REF: A. MANAGUA 2026 (NOTAL)

[1](#)B. MANAGUA 2025 (NOTAL)

[1](#)1. (SBU) SUMMARY. Today we were able to make our first on-the-ground assessment of damage to Puerto Cabezas. Lack of potable water and adequate
STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: BAD IN PUERTO CABEZAS, MAY BE WORSE IN MORE REMOTE LOCATIONS

[1](#)2. (SBU) Our first assessment team arrived in Puerto Cabezas this afternoon via Nicaraguan milair and was able to see much of the city and tal

[1](#)3. (SBU) There are still persistent reports of extreme damage to communities outside the immediate vicinity of Puerto Cabezas, particularly in

ACS: NO NEW INFORMATION

[1](#)4. (SBU) Today the Consular Section did not receive any new
inquiries or reports about Amcits in distress. All known
Amcits are safe and accounted for.

EMBASSY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

[1](#)5. (SBU) The Embassy Hurricane Working Group met this
afternoon. We participated in two Washington-organized
teleconferences again today. We have begun to implement our
disaster relief response plan. USAID is securing commercial
airlift for relief supplies and we expect the first flights
to arrive tomorrow directly to Puerto Cabezas from Miami.
These supplies will be transported directly to Puerto Cabezas
and we are working closely with local and international NGO
partners, as well as with the U.S. and Nicaraguan militaries
to facilitate the rapid, onward distribution of relief
supplies as shipments arrive in country. The following
commodities have been identified for delivery:

-- Plastic Sheeting: 200 rolls (for 1200 to 2000 families)
-- Family Hygiene Kits: 3072 (sufficient for a family of five
for two weeks)
-- Wool Blankets: 3000 (2 per family for 1500 families)

In addition to our assessment team deployment today, our
other activities included the following:

-- The USAID/OFDA Team Leader met today with Pan American
Health Organization (PAHO) to discuss humanitarian assistance
coordination.
-- We met with representatives from some European Embassies
as well as from the EU Mission and UN Agencies to coordinate
our relief efforts.
-- A four-member USAID/OFDA team will deploy to the affected
area on Thursday to conduct additional damage and needs
assessments.
-- We are providing an additional USD 150,000 to support
relief efforts, bringing our current total to USD 175,000.

We will continue our field assessments, providing additional
information about damage, needs, and impact of the disaster
as it becomes available.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY OUTREACH

[1](#)6. (U) The Embassy press release of yesterday was used by all
major media today. Public Affairs filmed the arrival of the
U.S. CH-47 this afternoon in Managua and distributed footage
to media. PAS arranged for National TV Channel 2 and La
Prensa newspaper (center-right circ. 40,000) to film the
same. Press guidance was updated and distributed to country
team and USAID/OFDA TDY team late this afternoon. One of our
assessment team members was interviewed by local media in
Puerto Cabezas.

[1](#)7. (SBU) One final note, President Ortega visited Puerto

Cabezas today and held a news conference during the day. Our assessment team reported that as Ortega was boarding his aircraft to return to Managua, the U.S. CH-47 arrived at the airfield. All media at the scene cut away from the President and panned their cameras over to shoot footage of the CH-47 as it landed.

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